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Title : ZINC ELECTRODE PARTICLE FORM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

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A/ 1. (Amended) A negative electrode for an electrochemical cell, comprising active particles selected from the group consisting of zinc particles and zinc alloy particles, the active particles being suspended in a fluid medium, at least about 10 percent, by weight, of the [zinc alloy] active particles being of -200 mesh size or smaller.

2. (Amended) The negative electrode of claim 1, wherein at least about 25 percent, by weight, of the [zinc alloy] active particles are of -200 mesh size or smaller.

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